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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

Plaintiff Oliver D. Smith requests ex parte in accordance with Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 45 (a) (3): "*Issued by Whom.* The clerk must issue a subpoena, signed but otherwise in blank, to a party who requests it. That party must complete it before service. An attorney also may issue and sign a subpoena if the attorney is authorized to practice in the issuing court." The Plaintiff therefore asks respectfully for his blank subpoena form (to produce electronic information under Rule 34) to be signed by a court clerk. The purpose of the subpoena to a third-party¹ is to identify the John Doe.

Dated: 12.12.2024 (12 December 2024)

Oliver D. Smith, pro se.

¹ The third-party is Substack Inc., recently dismissed as a defendant in this case (ECF No. 49).